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Assistant Executive Director

8 April 1947

Chief, ICAPS

Research in Non-governmental Institutions

1. I have discussed the attached memorandum from the Contact Branch, Office of Operations, dated 24 March, with Mr. Eddy and Dr. Evans of the State Department Office of Research and Intelligence. They have informed me that it is not the intention of Mr. Eddy's office to support any project involving the stimulation of research on intelligence matters in non-governmental institutions through the agency of the Library of Congress, or in any other manner except directly or in coordination with CIG.

2. The War and Navy representatives, at an interdepartmental coordination meeting held on 23 March, were requested to take a similar stand.

3. I believe that we should not indicate to the Office of Public Affairs of the State Department our intention to get into this field from an intelligence point of view. Undesirable publicity could possibly result.

4. Attached is a letter prepared for signature designating [REDACTED] as the CIG representative to attend further discussions sponsored by Mr. Russell. He has already received an informal invitation to be present at the next meeting to be held on 11 April. This letter does not commit us to anything except attendance of a CIG representative.

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5. [REDACTED] and Dr. Eilan Evans will each be briefed by this office prior to further attendance at these meetings to insure that they will take a stand against any element outside CIG and the IAB entering into the intelligence research field, and will keep both CIG and the State Department informed of any trend in this direction.

DONALD EDGAR

2 Attach.

Memo dtd 24 Mar fr Contact Br. O/O  
Proposed ltr to Mr. Russell

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